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SUBJECT: KUAN YUNG NAMED AS ROC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. JANUARY 8 CHINA NEWS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF (EDWARD) KUAN YUNG (7070/6978) AS VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RAISING THE NUMBER OF VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO THREE. SINCE JUNE 1975 WHEN TSAI WEI-PING (5591/4850/1456) RETIRED, THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. KUAN HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION IN MOFA SINCE 1972. PREVIOUSLY HE HAD INTER ALIA SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO LESOTHO (1967-72), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION IN MOFA, AND DEPUTY CONSUL IN HOUSTON (1952-56). BORN IN TSINGTAO IN 1925, KUAN ENTERED SERVICE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1951. KUAN HAS A BA FROM PEIPING FUJEN UNIVERSITY AND PURSUED POST-GRADUATE WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.

3. DURING HIS TENURE AS DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS,
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KUAN HAS ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION AS BEING EXTREMELY CAPABLE

AND THE EMBASSY HAS ENJOYED VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH HIM.
THE EMBASSY DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES KUAN WILL
ASSUME IN HIS NEW CAPACITY OR WHO WILL REPLACE HIM AS DIRECTOR
OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS. WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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